

COL. FRANCIS TO RETIRE

MAJOR W. G. BATES BECOMES SENIOR OFFICER OF THE SEVENTY-FIRST.

SURGEON WILLIAM D. BELL RESIGNS
MAJOR DANIEL M. STIMSON REFUSES

Colonel Augustus T. Francis, in command of the 71st Regiment, has asked to be placed on the retired list, and his application was favorably indorsed and forwarded to headquarters yesterday by General George Moore Smith, who is in command of the Fifth Brigade.

When the 71st Regiment went to the front, Colonel Francis, who had been major of the old command, was made colonel of the 11th Regiment, and did good work in organizing and drilling the provisional organization. After the 71st Regiment returned and took possession of

its army he provisional regiment was mustered out of the service, and Colonel Down having resigned, the Governor appointed Colonel Francis to the command of the regiment, and he held the place during that stormy period in its history which was marked by investigation and inquiry.

With Major Clinton H. Smith relieved from duty, awaiting the action of the State Examination Board, Major William G. Bates now becomes the senior officer, and will have command of the regiment until another colonel is appointed by the Governor or elected.

Colonel Francis has a long and honorable record in the Guard. He enlisted as a private in Company C, 71st Regiment, in March, 1860, and was a corporal in that company when the regiment went to the front in 1861. He remained in the volunteer service until September 2, 1862, and became first lieutenant of his company.

pany in June, 1864. On December 1, 1864, he was promoted to adjutant of the Regiment and resigned in August, 1871. On March 4, 1883, he re-entered the service as adjutant, with the rank of first lieutenant, and became captain of Company C on March 19, 1886, and major on May 23, 1893. Colonel Francis's commission as commanding officer of the 171st Regiment was dated June 3, 1898.

The resignation of Major William D. Bell as surgeon of the 71st Regiment, has also been forwarded to brigade headquarters. Dr. Bell's friends have been endeavoring to say that his resignation was because the place of surgeon

on the staff of General George Moore Smith had not been offered to him when Dr. Emmet resigned. General Smith said he did not believe that Dr. Bell's resignation was prompted by disappointment. No successor to Dr. Bell was named by General Smith. The place was offered to Major Daniel M. Stimson of the 7th Regiment, but he declined the honor, saying that he would rather finish his service in the 7th, of which he has been an officer since November 15, 1878.

MAJOR LYNCH WANTED FOR COLONEL
HE MAY GO FROM THE SIXTY-NINTH TO COMMAND
THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS.

Major Thomas F. Lynch, of the 68th Regiment, received a full and honorable discharge yesterday from regimental headquarters. He is one of the seven officers of the regiment who resigned a few days ago. As soon as his friends of the discharge day, they urged him to take a long holiday in the United States, now held by Colonel S. L. Barclay, who took the place temporarily and has offered to step aside.

Major Lynch has always been popular with the Volunteers, although a strict disciplinarian. When a reception was given for the officers and men of the 68th by the Volunteers in the Grand Central Palace last winter, Major Lynch was cheered to the echo, and a number of Volunteers picked him

The news that Major Lynch might become colonel of the Volunteers has caused considerable comment in the 69th among the officers who have been deploring the lack of interest in the recruiting which by some is said to be almost at a standstill. Some said that nearly the entire strength of Company K, of which Major Lynch was long the captain, and of Company L, would go with him into the Volunteers. These two companies are now without regular commissioned officers, owing to the recent resignations. The Volunteers have been long considered as rivals to the 69th, and it is said

that Colonel Moran is credited with the intention of breaking up the 69th, when he organized them. Major Lynch yesterday said:

While at present I cannot say anything about my candidacy for colonel of the Volunteers, I can say that it is composed of an exceptionally fine

body of men who, if properly drilled, would be a credit to any commander. I consider that there is only real chance for the Irish people to have a representative military organization in this city is through the Volunteers. I believe that the military authorities are opposed to having any Irish regiment in the National Guard, and are simply

paying their lives so as to get it into such a deplorable condition of disorganization as a war against its disbandment if it were not for the plain duty of officers to defend every charge made by the Government through military channels, bearing on the troubles in the regiment? Why have they denied a court of inquiry asked for by the officers? Why have they refused by the Military Code to officers to free them from conditions that hamper their usefulness, and it is inexplicable why the officers of the 68th have again refused this privilege of righting their wrongs.

Just before the war with Spain the Irish Volunteers, twelve hundred strong, offered their services

for the war and the organization, not being accepted, the men joined the 69th in large numbers.

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TWO FREE BATHS OPENED.

Two of the free city baths were opened to the public yesterday. The announcement made a few days ago that the authorities in charge had decided to open them for the season was heralded with delight by the hundreds of persons who have not the money with which to go to the "pay" baths. At the Battery the bathers appeared early and stayed late. The superintendent in charge said

When the East Side boys learned that the Corlears-st. baths would be opened at 6 o'clock last night they made preparations to be there when the doors were opened. During the day a large number of persons paid five cents for the privilege of taking a bath. When the doors were opened last evening

HORSE RUNS THROUGH MADISON SQUARE.
A horse attached to a cab owned by Mason, the
hugoburner in West Twenty-ninth-st., ran through

Everyman invest Twenty-eight-day, through part of Madison Square yesterday afternoon, and did considerable damage before it was finally captured. The animal, which was driven by John Kilpatrick, of No. 318 West Thirtieth-st., was standing in front of a store in West Twenty-third-st.,

When suddenly it started to run toward the East Side. The driver made a leap for the horse's bridle, but failed to catch it. At Madison Square the animal turned into the Park and continued on its wild run, knocking down benches and breaking several of the smaller trees. It then turned out into the street, ran back again, and ran up Madison-ave., a short distance, and again turned into the Park. The horse continued to run, pulling the cab after it. It was not until it had run about a mile that the cab was stopped. The cab was badly damaged. Considerable excitement was caused among the occupants of the benches, but no one was hurt.

The sale of the Herrmann curios and effects was finished yesterday afternoon at the Fifth Avenue Auction Rooms, No. 366 Fifth-ave. The attendance was somewhat larger than on the previous days, but the prices obtained were small. The two dogs, which were the property of the magician, one of which was a Great Dane, known as General, and the other, a St. Bernard, named Cora, were sold for \$20 each to an auction broker. The sable-lined fur coat which Herrmann always wore brought \$10.

REAR-ADMIRAL PIERCE CROSBY DEAD.

Washington, June 15.—Rear-Admiral Pierce Crosby, retired, one of the last of Farragut's active officers in the stirring sea fights of the Civil War, died here to-night from diabetes, aged seventy-six. He had a most active naval career, figuring in the capture of black and white swans, and floating in the capture of the *Alabama*, and was particularly at New-Orleans and Mobile. He also saw service in the Mexican war. His prominence in naval affairs continued after the Civil War, and he was assigned to important stations in the service. At one time he was in command of the Washington Navy Yard. Admiral Crosby died in 1882, having seen forty-eight years of active service. Since his retirement he had lived in Washington.

RAID NEAR FIFTH-AVE.

Detectives from the West Thirtieth-st. police station at 12:30 o'clock this morning made a raid on the house at No. 9 East Twenty-seventh-st. and arrested five young women and two young men. The men described themselves as electrical and civil engineers. The neighborhood in which this house is situated is a good one. Complaint was made by occupants of houses in Twenty-eighth-st. which adjoined. The house was once kept by Hattie Adams, which the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst investigated in his crusade in 1904.